

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A food package for pasta, comprising:  
a soft bag (2) containing a determined quantity of pasta (3) and having a weakened area (5) for opening said bag (2);  
characterised in that said weakened area (5) has at least a pre-cut line (6) associated to means (7) for breaking the bag (2) at said pre-cut line (6).
2. (original) A package as claimed in claim 1 characterised in that the means (7) for breaking the bag (2) comprise a tear-out band (8).
3. (original) A package as claimed in claim 2 characterised in that the tear-out band (8) is positioned along the development of said at least one pre-cut line (6).
4. (original) A package as claimed in claim 2 characterised in that it comprises two pre-cut lines (6) and in that the tear-out band (8) is positioned between said two lines (6).
5. (original) A package as claimed in claim 2 characterised in that the tear-out band (8) is glued on the bag (2).

6. (original) A package as claimed in claim 2 characterised in that the tear-out band (8) is sealed on the bag (2).

7. (original) A package as claimed in claim 2 characterised in that the bag (2) has tubular shape, closed at the ends (4a, 4b) and in that the weakened area (5) is positioned at one of said ends (4a, 4b).

8. (original) A package as claimed in claim 7 characterised in that a first end (4a) of said ends (4a, 4b) has planar shape defined by the association of two opposite portions (10a, 10b) of the tubular bag (2); said at least one pre-cut line (6) being positioned on the first end (4a); the tear-out band (8) being positioned along the development of said at least one pre-cut line (6).

9. (original) A package as claimed in claim 8 characterised in that it comprises two pre-cut lines (6) and in that the tear-out band (8) is positioned between said two lines (6).

10. (original) A package as claimed in claim 7 characterised in that said at least one pre-cut line (6) extends around the tubular bag (2) to define a closed path.

11. (original) A package as claimed in claim 7 characterised in that said at least one pre-cut line (6) extends only partially around the tubular bag (2).

12. (original) A package as claimed in claim 8 characterised in that said at least a pre-cut line (6) extends on one of said two opposite portions (10a; 10b) of the tubular bag (2).

13. (original) A package as claimed in claim 8 characterised in that said at least one pre-cut line (6) extends on both said two opposite portions (10a, 10b) of the tubular bag (2), to define a closed path.

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